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SUBJECT: NASA LUNAR SAMPLE SECURITY TEAM VISITS

1. AS PART OF ITS CONTINUING EFFORT TO ADVISE LUNAR SAMPLE PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND THEIR NATIONAL SPONSORING AGENCIES ON METHODS FOR SAFEGUARDING AND HANDLING SAMPLES, NASA IS SENDING TWO-MAN TEAM TO VISIT JAPANESE, AUSTRALIAN, INDIAN, AND SOUTH AFRICAN LABORATORIES DURING PERIOD JANUARY 10-FEBRUARY 3, 1976 TO MEET WITH EACH PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR GROUP, REVIEW SECURITY MEASURES IN EFFECT, CONDUCT RANDOM SAMPLE INVENTORY CHECKS, AND BE AVAILABLE TO ADVISE HOW HANDLING AND SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES COULD BE IMPROVED, IF NECESSARY. SIMILAR VISITS TO EUROPEAN LABORATORIES WERE CONDUCTED IN JUNE-JULY, 1975 AND ARE CARRIED OUT FOR US LABORATORIES ON A RECURRING BASIS.

2. TEAM'S ITINERARY IS JAPAN JANUARY 10-14, AUSTRALIA  
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JANUARY 15-20, INDIA JANUARY 21-28, AND SOUTH AFRICA

JANUARY 29-FEBRUARY 3. NASA HAS CONTACTED EACH NATIONAL SPONSORING AGENCY TO REQUEST OPPORTUNITY FOR TEAM TO MEET WITH AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR COMMENCING PI VISITS IN EACH COUNTRY. SIMILARLY, NASA WOULD APPRECIATE BRIEF MEETING WITH APPROPRIATE POST OFFICIAL PRIOR TO SPONSORING AGENCY VISIT TO PROVIDE BRIEFING ON PURPOSES OF VISIT,

REVIEW POST'S ROLE IN TRANSMITTING SAMPLES, AND INVITE ACCOMPANIMENT ON VISIT TO AGENCY AND PI LABORATORY.

3. REQUEST POSTS IDENTIFY APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO MEET WITH NASA TEAM IN TOKYO AM JANUARY 12, CANBERRA AM JANUARY 16, BANGALORE JANUARY 21 OR NEW DELHI JANUARY 23, AND PRETORIA JANUARY 29. TO MINIMIZE TRAVEL, NASA HAS SCHEDULED STOP AT ISRO IN BANGALORE JANUARY 21 PRIOR POSSIBLE MEETING WITH EMBASSY IN NEW DELHI JANUARY 23. NASA HOPES SCICOUNS OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE COULD MEET TEAM IN BANGALORE AM OF JANUARY 21 PRIOR VISIT TO ISRO, THUS ALSO ELIMINATING NEED FOR NEW DELHI STOP. REQUEST POSTS RESPOND NASA REQUESTS ASAP TO PERMIT FIRING UP OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

4. TEAM MEMBERS ARE MR. JOHN HARRIS, OFFICE OF THE LUNAR SAMPLE CURATOR, AND MR. GENE BENJAMIN, SECURITY BRANCH, JOHNSON SPACE CENTER. ROBINSON

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